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SUBJ: NARCOTICS - LOCAL REACTION TO LESTER WOLFF REPORT

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1. IN THE ARTICLE REPORTED IN REFERENCE A, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
NEWSPAPER "THE NATION" EXTENSIVELY QUOTED THE WOLFF REPORT REGARDING
ALLEGED A) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RELUCTANCE TO ENCOURAGE
SUBSTITUTE CROPS FOR OPIUM WHICH COMPETE WITH U.S. EXPORTS;
B) U.S. AND RTG FOOT DRAGGING ON THE NORTH THAILAND AERIAL
PHOTOGRAPHY SURVEY, AND C) DIFFICULTIES OF THE UNPDAC CROP
SUBSTITUTION PROJECT. IN AN APRIL 13 ARTICLE "THE ANTION"
FOCUSED ON THE HONG KONG SECTION OF THE REPORT WHICH PROPOSED
THAT THE USG SHOULD PROPOSE A CONFERENCE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN
NATIONS TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RTG ALLOWING THOSE GOVERN-
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MENTS TO STOP, SEARCH AND SEIZE, IF NECESSARY, THAI TRAWLERS

ABOVE THE 10TH PARALLEL.

2. THE THAI LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER "SIAM RATH" COMPLAINED THAT AMERICA WAS INTERESTED ONLY IN STOPPING THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS INTO THE U.S. RATHER THAN IN THE WELFARE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. (REFERENCE C).

3. THE REST OF THE PRESS AND MEDIA APPEAR TO HAVE PAID NO ATTENTION TO THE WOLFF REPORT.

4. RTG AND UN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN COPIES OF THE REPORT BUT HAVE NOT YET COMMENTED.
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